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Local Artist Cory Trépanier Newest Inductee to Caledon Walk of Fame

Caledon artist Cory Trépanier is the newest inductee into Caledon's Walk of Fame. The world renowned oil painter, filmmaker and explorer, known for his passionate portrayal of Canadian landscapes, joins the ranks of other distinguished Caledon inductees such as artist Daphne Lingwood, filmmaker Normal Jewison, writer Farley Mowat, builder Conn Smythe and the founders of the McMichael Canadian Collection in nearby Kleinburg, Robert and Signe McMichael.

"Even though his travels may have taken him to the Arctic and around the world, Cory still makes his home here in the rolling hills of Caledon," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "We are very proud as a community to honour and celebrate the international success he has achieved."

"Caledon has been my home for over 35 years, and I'm most honoured to have my name be included alongside this illustrious group of individuals," said Cory Trépanier. "And as a National Champion of the Great Trail, being recognized at Canada's very first pavilion on the trail itself makes this occasion even more meaningful".

The Caledon Walk of Fame induction ceremony is 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park on the west side of Airport Road in Caledon East.

The ceremony will also include recognition of the Town's partnership with Trans Canada Trail (TCT) in updating and upgrading trail signage and panels along The Great Trail.

The new signs and panels include wayfinding signage, interpretive panels and trailhead signs. These will help trail users navigate and find their way along The Great Trail, learn more about the local natural environment, and highlight regional points of interest on an upgraded trail map.

Parking for the induction ceremony is available on Airport Road, Emma Street, Town Hall or the Caledon East Community Complex (a five-minute walk along the Caledon Trailway).

About Cory Trépanier

After graduating from Humberview Secondary School, Trépanier began his career as a freelance illustrator, creating art for numerous advertising agencies, magazines and government organizations, including the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

In 1997, Trépanier began pursuing his true passion of painting Canadian landscapes, traveling around Caledon and across the country with his oil paints.

In 2001, Trépanier started filming his painting expeditions which has led to producing four televised documentaries; *A Painter's Odyssey*, *Into the Arctic*, *Into the Arctic II* (nominated for a Canadian Screen Award) and *TrueWild: Kluane*. This spring he completed his fifth film, *Into the Arctic 3: The Last Chapter*, which had its first public screening in Monaco before Prince Albert II. His films are broadcast in Canada and internationally.

Trépanier's current INTO THE ARCTIC exhibition includes both a collection of 60 paintings curated from over a decade of painting the Canadian Arctic and his Into The Arctic films and is on tour for 4 years. In 2017 it premiered at the Embassy of Canada in Washington D.C. In 2018, its Canadian premiere was in Vancouver. In 2019 the collection will travel overseas with a European premiere in Monaco. To date there are 11 museums on the itinerary. Highlighting the collection is the 15-foot wide *Great Glacier*, quite possibly the largest Arctic landscape painting in Canada's history.

Trépanier became a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in 2012, and three years later was named one of Canada's Top 100 Living Explorers by Canadian Geographic magazine. He is a member of the The Explorers Club and the recipient of the Canadian Chapter's highest accolade, the Stefansson Medal. Trépanier is also a National Champion of The Great Trail (The Trans Canada Trail). Appropriately enough, the Caledon Walk of Fame is situated on the Trans Canada Trail in Caledon East, just west of Airport Road.

About the Caledon Walk of Fame

The Caledon Walk of Fame was initiated in 1999 for the purpose of honouring past and present Caledon residents who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally. The Caledon Walk of Fame is situated in the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park on the west side of Airport Road in Caledon East. A stone is placed in honour of each recipient during a formal Walk of Fame ceremony, held annually when there is a qualifying nominee.

For more information, visit caledon.ca/walk.

About Trans Canada Trail

It began as a bold dream in 1992: the idea of creating a trail that would be a gift from Canadians to Canadians. Since then, Trans Canada Trail – a not-for-profit organization – has been working with donors, partners, governments, public and private landowners, and volunteers to create The Great Trail – an epic trail of trails offering a wide range of outdoor experiences. Stretching for more than 24,000 kilometres and profiling Canada's diverse landscapes and communities, The Great Trail is the world's longest network of recreational multi-use trails.

For more information visit thegreattrail.ca.

Caledon Walk of Fame: Inductees

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Year	Name
2018	Cory Trépanier
2017	Isabel Bassett
2016	Ken Weber
2015	Beverly and Jake Holden
2014	Donald Lobb
2013	Marilyn Field
2012	Christopher Dedrick
2011	Taylor 'Hap' Parnaby
2010	James B. Douglas
2009	Constantine 'Conn' Smythe
2008	Alex Raeburn
2007	Daphne Lingwood
2006	Farley Mowat and Russell Cooper
2005	Caledon Veterans of World War I and World War II
2004	Dr. Murry Fallis
2003	Dr. Faye Lindsay
2002	Robert and Signe McMichael
2001	Robertson Davies
2000	Elmer Iseler
1999	Norman Jewison

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